

thereof were ordered to be printed. The said report, with the bill therein referred to, reported the day before yesterday by Mr. Speed, a member of said committee was, on motion by Mr. Tyson, made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Barnes, the decision of the house in regard to the time when said report and bill shall be the order of the day, was reconsidered, and the first Thursday in February next was substituted, and agreed on, instead of Wednesday next.

Mr. Banning delivered the following report:

The committee appointed by an order of this house, adopted on the 27th ult. "to examine into the state and condition of the library appertaining to the house of delegates, and to suggest some more effectual mode for the preservation and safe-keeping of the laws and other books, the property of the state;" beg leave respectfully to report, that they have fully considered the subject—that they have endeavoured by all due and proper diligence, to ascertain what books, of right, belonged to the house of delegates, and agreeably to the directions of said order, have hereunto annexed a schedule of such as now remain in actual possession, and of all that could be found and identified as the public property. Your committee having collected all the books within their reach, and carefully examined the library, are constrained to state, that there appears a great deficiency, as many of the books which they suppose, had, from time to time, been deposited therein, are not now to be found. Many of the laws of our own state, and of our sister states, have been removed, and the propriety of an immediate procurement of other copies, to supply the deficiency in this respect, is respectfully submitted and recommended to the consideration of this house.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that they have examined a room in the state house, containing books belonging to the state, which, in the opinion of your committee, are of the value of from \$2000 to \$3000. Neither the room nor the books appear to be in the particular care of any person. For the disposition of those books, the bill herewith reported provides. And in conclusion, your committee are of opinion, that it is necessary and expedient that a room should be fitted up in the State House, for the special purpose of preserving and safe keeping the laws and other books now in actual possession, and such books as the present or any future legislatures may from time to time order to be procured, and they therefore respectfully submit and recommend the passage of the bill above referred to, and now laid before your honourable body.

By order,

Jacob S. Smith, Com. Clk.